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Celebrating 40 Years of Changing Lives: Share Your Story!

In 1985, Dr. Milton Byrd founded Charter College with a visionary goal: to provide career-focused education that empowers students to succeed in the workforce. Forty years later, we remain steadfast in that mission, transforming lives one student at a time. Simply put, we work to get them to work. Four decades, we've been empowering lives, families, and communities. We invite you to share your favorite memory, story, or journey with Charter College and participate in our celebration video. Submit your story [HERE!](#)



40TH

ANNIVERSARY

CHARTER COLLEGE

HONORING YOUR LEGACY, INSPIRING OUR FUTURE!

CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL ASSISTANT

PREPARE FOR ENTRY-LEVEL MEDICAL ASSISTANT CAREERS

The Certificate in Medical Assistant program prepares students to handle the duties and requirements of entry-level Medical Assistant positions. Students can seek employment in healthcare and medical settings such as hospitals, physician offices, and clinics. Medical assistants perform key administrative responsibilities like scheduling patient visits, organizing medical records, and handling billing and coding tasks for insurance purposes. On the clinical front, contribute by taking vital signs, preparing patients, drawing blood, and assisting with medication administration under physician guidance.

CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL ASSISTANT CLASSES AND CURRICULUM

The Certificate in Medical Assistant program is available in a blended learning format. The combination of classroom and online learning gives students the flexibility to balance classwork with family, work, and other commitments. The Certificate in Medical Assistant program provides students with the technical skills and work habits they need to seek entry-level Medical Assistant opportunities. In classrooms and labs, students learn compliance in healthcare environments, patient care concepts, medical office emergencies, medical terminology, functions of health records management, and medical insurance billing and coding.

CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Certificate in Medical Assistant program students will be able to demonstrate the clinical skills, diagnostic procedures, and appropriate operational functions of medical assisting as defined by state and local regulations and/or licensure requirements. Explain the knowledge, skills, and professional behavior necessary to perform as a competent entry-level Medical Assistant in a variety of settings. Identify and describe the legal and ethical standards, guidelines, and regulations pertinent to the medical field and medical assisting. Demonstrate the importance of professionalism, communication, and collaboration skills in the professional setting. Explain and perform appropriate administrative tasks effectively.

LOCATIONS OFFERING CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Anchorage, AK, Canyon Country, Oxnard, CA, Farmington, NM, Salt Lake, UT, Lacey, Pasco, Vancouver, and Yakima, WA.

**EARN A CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL ASSISTANT
IN AS LITTLE AS 10 MONTHS**

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Viet Le MD, RDMS, RVT

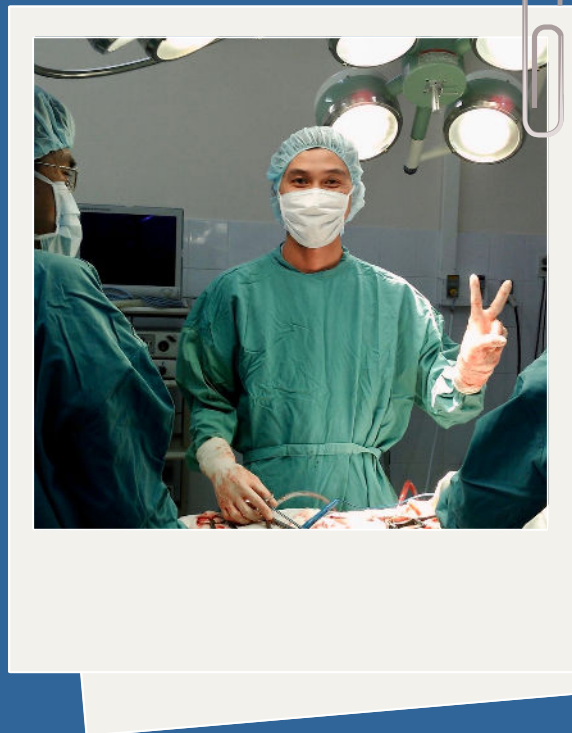
**FULL-TIME DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY INSTRUCTOR
CANYON COUNTRY**

Meet Dr. V, whose journey from general surgeon in Vietnam to Lead DMS Instructor at Charter College is nothing short of inspiring! With 20+ years of experience in medicine and ultrasound, he has shaped our DMS program with passion and precision. His open labs and engaging lectures reflect his dedication to student growth. While he thrives as an educator, Dr. V remains connected to his roots, performing surgeries and hosting seminars in Vietnam. These experiences have deepened his understanding and allowed him to bring real-world insights back to the classroom.

His impact on students and healthcare is immeasurable, and we're fortunate to have him as part of our team!

Teaching isn't just a job for Dr. V—it's a way to make a lasting impression on the future of healthcare. Every student Dr. V works with represents a chance to inspire the next generation and share the knowledge he has gained throughout his career.

Thank you Dr. V for your dedication to the healthcare industry and our students!



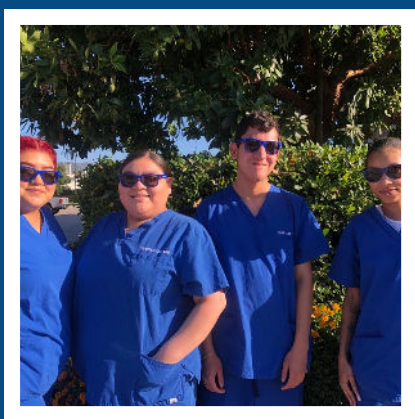
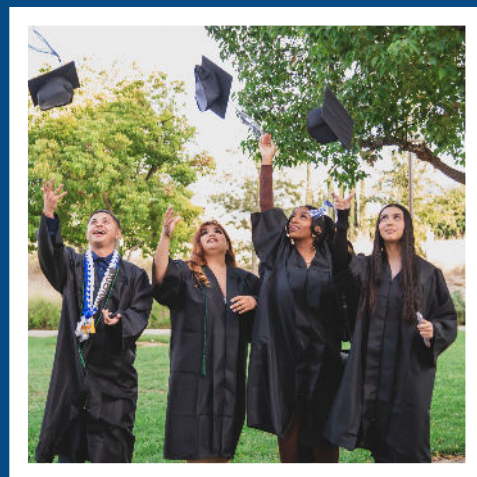
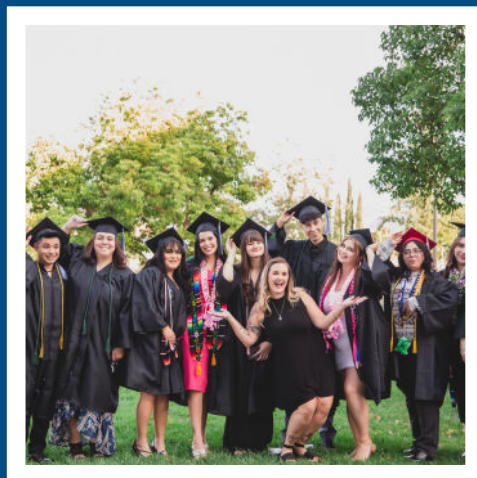
Fun Fact:

Dr. V thinks of being a DMS Tech like a superhero, like a DARK KNIGHT! He says when you are a DMS Technician you do your work in the dark and you put your heart into helping people



2024 CAMPUS OF THE YEAR

Hard work, passion, and perseverance have paid off! We are honored to announce that Charter College-Canyon Country has been named 2024 Campus of the Year! This achievement reflects the amazing spirit and determination of our students, faculty, and staff. Here's to continued success!



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

START YOUR CAREER PATH IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

If you want a rewarding healthcare career that allows you to provide important, direct patient care, consider an A.A.S. in Diagnostic Medical Sonography degree today. As a Medical Sonographer, you observe the screen during the scan to ensure that the image produced is satisfactory for diagnostic purposes, make adjustments to equipment as required, observe and care for patients throughout examinations to ensure their safety and comfort, prepare and maintain diagnostic imaging equipment, select appropriate equipment setting and adjust the patient positions to obtain the best sites and angles, and provide diagnostic ultrasound images and oral or written summary of technical findings to physician for use in medical diagnosis .

PREPARE FOR ENTRY-LEVEL DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY CAREERS

The Associate of Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography program prepares students to handle the duties and responsibilities of entry-level diagnostic sonography positions. Students can seek employment in medical clinics, hospitals, laboratories, and other healthcare agencies. As part of the program, students participate in various clinical practicums in a healthcare setting. This enables them to gain real-world experience before they enter the real world.

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY CLASSES AND CURRICULUM

The A.A.S. in Diagnostic Medical Sonography program provides students with the knowledge and technical skills they need to find an entry-level position in the field. In classrooms, labs, and clinical practicums, you learn various imaging techniques, common medical terminology, and how to professionally engage with patients. In addition, students will complete assignments such as reading, exercises, problem-solving, projects, research, papers, and presentations in Anatomy & Physiology, Sonography of OB/GYN, Sonography of Abdomen and Pelvis, Medical Terminology, Pathology of Abdomen and Pelvis, and The Healthcare System.

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program, graduates will be able to apply appropriate scanning techniques in all sonography procedures. Employ proper patient care techniques and communication. Relate to and anticipate the needs of doctors and technologists. Demonstrate empathy and concern toward the patient. Adjust to changes, situations, patient conditions, and deviations from the normal routine. Understand ethical requirements for an entry-level sonographer along with ethical practices in a healthcare setting. Understand their professional obligations upon gaining American Registry of Radiologic Technologists(ARRT) status. Demonstrate professional verbal and written communication skills

LOCATIONS OFFERING AAS IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

This program is offered in Anchorage, Canyon Country, Oxnard, Reno, and Salt Lake.

EARN AN AAS IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY IN AS LITTLE AS 17 MONTHS

WINTER STUDENT SUCCESS TIPS

- **Your Future Deserves Your Focus:** Your time in class is your time to grow, learn, and succeed. Arriving on time and staying focused sets the tone for your success. Don't just show up physically—engage mentally! Let's make every moment in class and lab count!
- **Get Some Sunlight:** Sunlight isn't just warm—it's healing. It boosts your mood, strengthens your body, and melts stress away. Whether it's before class, between classes, or after class, step outside and soak it in. Morning sunshine is the secret to better sleep, too. Make it part of your daily routine!
- **Don't Snooze on Sleep:** Late nights might seem like the answer, but skipping sleep can hurt more than help. Want to ace that next exam or crush your lab skills? Sleep is your secret weapon! Quality rest helps you absorb what you've learned and strengthens your memory. Don't just study harder—sleep smarter!
- **Self-care is NOT Selfish:** What's your favorite way to unwind during a busy day? Adding just 10 minutes of "you time" can lower stress and improve focus. Try a brisk walk, a stretch session, or some deep breathing today. You've got this!
- **Stay Focused,** A solid academic plan starts with a dedicated study space. Find a spot that helps you focus, and set a routine that works for you. Don't forget—time management is key! Keep improving your study strategies and connect with your student success coach or instructor for personalized guidance.
- **Keep Pushing Toward Your Dreams:** We know the journey can feel tough sometimes, but don't lose sight of your goals. Remember your reason for starting this chapter, and know it's okay to ask for support. We believe in you, and we're here to help you succeed. You're a rock star, and your hard work inspires us!

Need Assistance?

Have A Question?

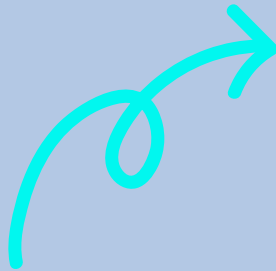
Seeking Community Resources?

Student Success Coaches (775)525-2124
studentservices-retention@chartercollege.edu

STUDENT SERVICES

STUDENT SUCCESS COACH-DECEMBER

Brandy is a shining example of what it means to be committed to student success. Her diligence, communication skills, and unwavering consistency inspire us all. As Campus Manager Angela McCary put it best, “She’s my Buddha on the mountaintop – absolutely invaluable and the driving force behind our improved student retention.” Brandy, you are a treasure to our institution and students! Thank you for all that you do!

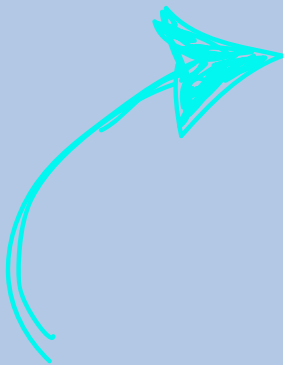


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STUDENT SUCCESS COACH-NOVEMBER

Patty embodies and lives our leadership principle of passion for our students. Every day she strives to do everything she can to ensure our students succeed. Her partnership, collaboration, and willingness to help the Oxnard and Canyon campus goes without measure. We are so happy and incredibly thankful to have her on our team to help drive the overall success of our students. Thank you, Patty, for all that you do!



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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

DEWAYNE WINSLOW

FULL-TIME HVAC/R INSTRUCTOR-PASCO

DeWayne Winslow started in the HVAC industry after realizing that being a concrete laborer was not conducive to his overall physical health or funds to retire later in life. Charter College is extremely fortunate for his decision to return to college and obtain his AAS in HVAC/R. DeWayne is an integral part of Pasco's HVAC program. He loves the HVAC Industry and holds his students to a high standard so they can enter the field ready for the real world. We can count on DeWayne for an honest assessment of his progress and feedback on the curriculum and the HVAC program. DeWayne's big smile and booming laugh are infectious. When asked what his favorite part of teaching HVAC was DeWayne replied "When the lightbulb comes on! When I see a student not understanding a concept or skillset, I take the time to explain it in a different direction. Perhaps using a football, baseball, or field/track analogy. Whatever that student relates well with, then the student gets it and is so excited to get into the HVAC shop to learn more". DeWayne said that is what makes his role as an instructor rewarding.

This comment from a student on DeWayne's most recent End of Course survey says it all: "I truly appreciate to have been given the opportunity to have Dwayne's class. He always pushed me to better myself and progress in my work. I had so much going on due to my son being sick, but he still accommodated me, and I tried my hardest. I will forever be grateful and blessed to have had Dwayne he is very intelligent and makes class very fun and interesting."

Thank you DeWayne for all that you do for our students. You make learning HVAC exciting and interesting every single day.



**Fun Facts: DeWayne took 4th place in the amateur World of Darts Competition in Las Vegas.
DeWayne has visited all 50 states in America.**

WHY CHARTER?

I AM DOING THIS FOR MY DAUGHTERS!

*To start a career and be a good role model for my kids!
To show them going to school is good*

TO BECOME A BETTER VERSION OF MYSELF.

HVAC is a growing industry. I wanted to get the skills and knowledge to enter the field.

I want a financially, secure future at a job I actually, like!

I WENT THROUGH A DIVORCE SO I'M DOING THIS TO SUPPORT MYSELF SO I DON'T HAVE TO LEAN ON ANYONE ELSE.

Helping people in need makes me the happiest.

My friend mentioned the MA program at Charter so I went for it!

My reason is my daughter and myself!

I love helping people and being that one person who makes a positive in another person's day. I believe that the medical field is my destiny in life.

To be able to help people and support my future family!

I had a goal to be a Rad Tech for MANY years! I'm here to complete my dreams and show my children that determination and hard work gets you lasting rewards.

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WE WORK TO GET YOU TO WORK.

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